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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

This is in response to the official action of January 20, 2000, wherein the Examiner rejected claims 44-53 under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph as allegedly being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regard as their invention. The Applicants respectfully traverse the rejections and request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks.